

# **Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review**

**Minutes: April 12, 2016**

**The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 1:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL: Present were Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Jackson, Booth, Pearson and Sylvester.**

**Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame Esq. and Assistant Administrative Officer Kathy Hague and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.**

**Absent from today's hearings were Vice-chairman Mark Blackburn and Commissioners Thornton, Filippi, Richard and Walker.**

**MINUTES: Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to accept the March 29, 2016, and the April 5, 2016 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**APPEAL #160014:** Michael Santos, Thomas Reid and David Bertolini appeared for the property located at 6105 Post Road, North Kingstown. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal (ADSFM) Gordon Walsh appeared for North Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant relief to allow the outdoor bar area to remain in use without sprinkler protection due to structural hardship, but must provide fire alarm heat detection in this area. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPEAL #160034:** Wallace Chin appeared for the property located at 425 Putnam Pike, Smithfield. ADSFM Derek Keene appeared for the Smithfield Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Jackson and Pearson, to grant the Applicant a variance of sixty (60) days to allow the building to remain vacant until the sale of the building with the occupancy to be determined under the new ownership. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPEAL #160033:** Matt Dempsey, Peter Casale and Charlotte Handy appeared for the property located at 141 Gano Street, Providence. ADSFM Scott Derry appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Jackson and Booth, to grant the Applicant a time

**variance of thirty (30) days to remove door #7 on the first floor. A variance was also granted to allow door #36 and #39 to swing against the path of egress and the roof egress to remain as is due to structural hardship. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**The Board reviewed and voted on the March 29, 2016 Subcommittee's recommendations to the full Board on April 12, 2016.**

**APPEAL #160035: For the property located at 10 Lippitt Road (Davis Hall), Kingston, Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to accept the March 29, 2016 Subcommittee's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #160036: For the property located at 90 Lower College Road (Roosevelt Hall), Kingston, Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to accept the March 29, 2016 Subcommittee's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #160037: For the property located at 401 Victory Highway (Whispering Pines), West Greenwich, Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to accept the March 29, 2016 Subcommittee's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #160038: For the property located at 164 Campus Avenue (Barlow Hall), Kingston, Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to accept the March 29, 2016 Subcommittee's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #160039: For the property located at 401 Victory Highway (Sycamore Lodge) West Greenwich, Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to accept the March 29, 2016 Subcommittee's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #160050: For the property located at 200 Old River Road, Lincoln (Portico #1), Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to accept the March 29, 2016 Subcommittee's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.**

**The Board reviewed and voted on the April 5, 2016 Subcommittee's recommendations to the full Board on April 12, 2016.**

**APPEAL #150142: For the property located at 32 Meeting Street, Cumberland, Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to accept the April 5, 2016 Subcommittee's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #160041: For the property located at 3347 South County Trail, East Greenwich, Commissioner Sylvester made a motion,**

**seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to reject the April 5, 2016 Subcommittee's recommendation. The motion did not pass on a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Commissioner Jackson abstaining. It was decided that this property shall be scheduled for re-hearing on May 10, 2016.**

**APPEAL #160027: For the property located at 915 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket, Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to accept the April 5, 2016 Subcommittee's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #160031: For the property located at 867 Social Street Woonsocket, Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Jackson and Sylvester, to accept the April 5, 2016 Subcommittee's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #160032: For the property located at 667 Washington Street, Coventry, Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Sylvester and Booth, to accept the April 5, 2016 Subcommittee's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.**

**FI #16-02 Apartment Buildings-Elderly & Disabled Housing: Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Booth and Jackson, to accept the April 5, 2016 Subcommittee's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.**

**OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT: None.**

**ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Kathleen Hague**